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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECT - SECONDARY CITIES REGIONAL  
PROJECT - GWANGJU REGION

1. PROJECT DESCRIPTION: PROPOSED PROJECT IS TO DEVELOP  
INSTITUTIONAL FRAME WORK REQUIRED TO IMPLEMENT THE ROK-  
GOVERNMENT'S DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR THE GWANGJU REGION  
(SOUTH-WEST PORTION OF KOREA). SUBJECT PROJECT WILL  
CONSIST OF:

(A) PREPARATION OF HOUSING SITES AND SERVICES IN CITIES  
OF YEOSU, MOKPO AND GWANGJU INCLUDING WATER SUPPLY SYSTEM,  
DRAINAGE AND ELECTRICITY;

(B) CONSTRUCTION OF A FISHERY HARBOR COMPLEX WITH INDUSTRIAL  
PROCESSING PLANT IN YEOSU;

(C) CONSTRUCTION OF A CITY MARKET IN SUNCHON CITY AND

(D) CONSTRUCTION AND IMPROVEMENT OF ACCESS ROADS IN YEOSU  
AND MOKPO.

2. IMPLEMENTING OFFICER: MR. KIM, SAE JONG  
CHIEF  
REGIONAL PLANNING DIVISION  
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3. COST & FINANCING: TOTAL PROJECT COSTS ARE PRESENTLY ESTIMATED AT DOLS 25 MILLION. FOREIGN EXCHANGE COSTS OF DOLS 15 MILLION WILL FINANCE THE CONSTRUCTION COSTS FOR CIVIL WORKS (DOLS 7.3 MILLION, IMPORT OF EQUIPMENT FOR FISHERY HARBOR COMPLEX (DOLS 1.1 MILLION) AND EMPLOYMENT OF FOREIGN CONSULTANT SERVICES (DOLS 1.8 MILLION) FOR DESIGN PREPARATION, DETAILED ENGINEERING DESIGN, PREPARATION OF TENDER DOCUMENTS, PROJECT ENGINEERING SUPERVISION AND A FEASIBILITY STUDY FOR FUTURE PROSPECTIVE REGIONAL DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE GWANGJU AREA. AN AGREEMENT FOR DOLS 15 MILLION LOAN WAS SIGNED BETWEEN ROKG AND IBRD JANUARY 15, 1975.

4. EXPECTED BID DATES: A SHORT LIST OF FOREIGN CONSULTANT FIRMS WILL BE ANNOUNCED BY MOC IN LATTER PART OF MARCH 1975. THREE U.S. FIRMS LYON ASSOCIATES, INC., LOUISE BERGER AND TRANS-ASIA ARE CANDIDATES FOR SHORT LIST. ESTIMATED DATE FOR MOC ISSUE OF INVITATIONS FOR PREQUALIFICATION OF CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS IS LAST PART OF 1975 OR EARLY PART OF 1976 AND MOC PLANS CALL FOR LOCAL CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTORS TO PARTICIPATE IF THEY MEET REQUIREMENTS. PROCUREMENT OF MAJOR EQUIPMENT FOR FISHERY HARBOR COMPLEX WILL BE LAST PART OF 1975.

5. POTENTIAL U.S. SALES: U.S. INVOLVEMENT COULD INCLUDE PROJECT CONSULTING SERVICE (DOLS 1.8 MILLION) AND EQUIPMENT (DOLS 1.1 MILLION) TO BE PURCHASED FOR SUBJECT PROJECT INCLUDING: VARIOUS MACHINERY AND EQUIPMENT FOR ICE PLANT AND FROZEN STORAGE, VARIOUS EQUIPMENT FOR PORT OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE, AND PORT NAVIGATIONAL AIDS AND BEACONS.

6. POST COMMENTS: ACCORDING TO MOC OFFICIALS, THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACTS FOR ALL PREVIOUS CIVIL WORKS OF THIS TYPE HAVE BEEN HANDLED BY LOCAL CONTRACTORS. DUE TO LIMITED SCOPE FOR U.S. INVOLVEMENT POST WILL REPORT FURTHER ON THIS PROJECT THROUGH TRADE OPPORTUNITY REPORTING NOT MAJOR PROJECT CHANNELS. ERICSON

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